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LANGLEY ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS SOCIETY

Dec 2015 Newsletter

Greetings!

Join us on Tuesday December 15, 4-7 pm for our annual Holiday Social! Held in the Williams Park picnic shelter during the magical Christmas in Williams Park light display, this event is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, share stories with new friends and roast a hot dog over the open fire. Hot dogs will be provided. Children are welcome. Feel free to bring a small snack to share.

RSVP is requested for planning purposes.

Email Nichole at exec_director@leps.bc.ca or call 604.532.3511.

We hope to see you there!

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Job Creation Partnership Update

This past November we welcomed to LEPS Kaitlyn Carlson and Meg Jordan as participants of the Job Creation Partnership Program.



They will be working alongside Lisa and Ava in our Stewardship and Agricultural Stewardship programs, which will have them creating a Lichen Monitoring Program, as well as developing Natures Classroom workshops for middle school students.

Over the next 6 months, you may see them at Maples Discovery Garden Co-op, helping with our school workshops, out and about at community events, or working hard in the field rain or shine! Be sure to stop and say hello!

Thank-you to the BC Government for supporting this program.

Restoration Workers Needed

The Faces of LEPS



Long time LEPS employee Ashley Aune departed on maternity leave at the end of November. Ashley started with LEPS in 2009 as a member of our Water Wise team and quickly showed her passion for water conservation education and outreach.

For the past year she took on the role of Education and Outreach Coordinator working with students in Langley Schools and our Eco Explorer day camps.

Congratulations Ashley and family! Enjoy this special time.

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The restoration team couldn't be happier when they are out in the field with a shovel and a truck load of plants. They would also love to share the fun with enthusiastic volunteers looking to assist with our restoration projects.

Join our field staff for a day, or as many days as you can, and help restore the Salmon River and West Creek Watersheds. We need your help with invasive plant removal and native plant installation.

For more information or to register as a volunteer, call contact Carly at conservation@leps.bc.ca or 604-546-0347.

Thanks to Environment Canada and the Pacific Salmon Foundation for supporting these projects.

Partner News

The Langley Field Naturalists (LFN) are inviting both novice and experienced birders to participate in the annual Christmas bird count or in the associated Backyard Feeder count held on the same day. On Sunday January 3rd the LFN are participating in the Langley section of the Surrey/White Rock Christmas bird count. The LFN will be out counting from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you live within the official count circle or have a bird feeder, you can provide extra eyes to spot unusual species or unusually high or low numbers of the common birds at your feeder. "This is invaluable information that can be added to the Field Naturalists count numbers", said Kathy Masse, a Langley Field Naturalist. "We will have your numbers to add to our results, that over the years reflect how our different Langley birds are either thriving or struggling," said Masse.

The bird count area is a pie-shaped area bordered by 200th St to 88th and 40th Ave to 238th St with a rounded line connecting 200th and th 88th and 239th and 40th.

A feeder counter can watch from the comfort of their kitchen window, to list the species that come to their feeder and keep track of the numbers of each species at intervals throughout the day.

To register and for more information email Kathy with LFN at wmasse@telus.net

A reminder that the LEPS office will be closed over the holiday season from Dec 18th to Jan 3rd.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours!

Sincerely,

Langley Environmental Partners Society